

and local efforts to protect our environment, create jobs, clean up blighted neighborhoods, reduce crime, improve affordable housing, attract business investment, and protect the rights of working men and women.

She was an important local voice in our successful efforts to secure critically needed funds for California and local communities for coastal protection, open space preservation, and urban recreation opportunities.

She was part of the dedicated team that I was privileged to work with to establish the Rosie the Riveter Memorial and National Historic Park dedicated to preserving the history of the contribution of Richmond and tens of thousands of women and minorities to the World War II homefront effort.

She fully utilized federal funds provided for the highly successful community policing effort. She has been vigilant in her efforts to turn Richmond's "brownfields" into "greenfields." And Mayor Corbin should be very proud of one of her last acts in office, winning a federal court ruling against the Bush Administration on labor policy.

Mayor Corbin also played a key role in developing the Federal Regional Task Force and focusing its efforts on the community of North Richmond. The task force consists of all of the major federal agencies in Region IX and is intended to identify and coordinate essential services to help rebuild this troubled community.

Rosemary Corbin has been a tireless public servant. She served as mayor from 1993 through this year, and served on the Richmond City Council from 1985–1993. She serves on countless boards and committees, supporting the work of local, state and national organizations. And recently, she has become a spokesperson on behalf of cities to ensure they receive adequate resources to do their part to respond to the threat of terrorism.

The people of Richmond could not have asked for more from their mayor over the past eight years. She has been a tireless defender of their interests. She is creative, energetic, and compassionate. She has kept her attention focused on the needs of her city and its surrounding community. She should be proud of her service. I am proud to have served with her. And I am confident that she will continue in her own way to contribute to the betterment of our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House of Representatives join with me in congratulating Rosemary Corbin on her eight years of exemplary service as Mayor of the great city of Richmond, California.

**SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT MEN AND WOMEN OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE HAVE DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF DELIVERING THE MAIL DURING THIS TIME OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY**

SPEECH OF

**HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 13, 2001*

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I stand today to honor the nearly 800,000 postal employees (including 49,000 employees with disabilities and 251,000 veterans) who faithfully

serve this nation by: delivering 200 billion pieces of mail each year to 134 million addressees, including 20 million post office boxes; carrying more mail to more people over a larger geographic area than any other country; serving 7 million customers daily at one of 38,000 postal retail outlets; collecting mail from more than 312,000 street mail collection boxes; and as individual carriers, delivering about 2,300 pieces of mail a day to 500 addressees.

Postal employees carry out these duties despite adverse environmental and weather conditions, including difficult terrain, extreme heat, rain, sleet and cold. They now face a different kind of adverse condition—a war. Our war on terrorism has placed postal workers at the front lines of a battle against those who seek to harm our nation's citizens by contaminating a valuable and critical component of our society's way of life—the mail. This is not a duty they signed up for, but it is one that they have faced, accepted and carried out with grace, dignity and fortitude!

Despite the tragic terrorism perpetrated on our soil and the deaths of two of their colleagues, postal employees have delivered about 34 billion pieces of mail since September 11 in the face of a continued threat to their health and lives.

Recently, I met with postal workers from my district. They are proud to work for the postal service, but are concerned for their safety. They assured me that neither rain, snow, nor anthrax laced letters would keep them from delivering the mail. However, with that renewed pledge and resolve, they wanted my assurance that the government cared about them.

H. Con. Res. 257 provides this body with the opportunity to thank them for their resolve and all they have done to keep the mail flowing. The men and women of the U.S. Postal Service have done an outstanding job of delivering the mail during this time of national emergency. Further, I believe that is our duty to assure their safety and well-being as they continue to carry out their duties and responsibilities. As such, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, our postal workers and our U.S. mail system!

#### TRIBUTE TO RUTH SINGLETON SMITH

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 14, 2001*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ruth Singleton Smith of Florence, South Carolina, who is a respected member of the community and who has played a major role in several political campaigns, including my own. Mrs. Smith's career achievements and accomplishments exemplify her extraordinary contributions to the state of South Carolina.

Mrs. Smith was born in Florence County, attended Florence County Public Schools, and graduated from Wilson High School in 1945. She is a graduate of South Carolina State College, American University, and Temple Business School.

Mrs. Smith traveled extensively throughout the world with her husband, the late Willie

Lesley Smith, who was a career Army serviceman. Upon his retirement in 1965, the Smiths returned to Florence, South Carolina and Mrs. Smith became the Public Relations Director for WBTW TV 13 of Florence. She held that position until her retirement in 1992. She also served as WBTW Liaison for Corporate, Business, and Government Relations from 1992 to 1996. Currently she is the Community Coordinator of Health Education at McLeod Regional Medical Center. She joined the medical center in 1997 and since then she has been responsible for creating, developing, and maintaining health programs for the indigent within the community.

I would like to express my appreciation for Mrs. Smith's deep interest and active participation in politics on both the local, state, and national levels. She has demonstrated strong commitment to the Democratic process through her many years of educating voters about the need and right to vote. She has served as a Poll Manager, and she served as a political consultant for a number of political campaigns, including: Florence Mayoral, Florence City Council, Florence County Council, Florence County Solicitor's, and Florence County Sheriff Campaigns. She was also actively involved with South Carolina State Representative, Senatorial, Attorney General, Adjutant General, and Governor Campaigns. She also worked on the U.S. Senatorial Campaign of Ernest Hollings and on the Carter/Mondale and Clinton/Gore Presidential Campaigns. She also served as manager in the Pee Dee region during my own bid for Congress. I will always remember that she told me "I'll get you to Washington even if I have to carry you on my own back".

Mrs. Smith displayed true enthusiasm and commitment when she ran at-large for Florence County Council. Although her bid was unsuccessful, her tremendous spirits were not weakened.

Mrs. Smith is a lifelong member of Mt. Zion AME Church, choir member, and President of the Richard Allen Club. She is Commissioner for the Florence Housing Authority; the Mental Health Commission; the Executive Board of the NAACP; and the billboard Committee under the leadership of the Florence City Council.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me today in honoring Mrs. Ruth Singleton Smith for the incredible service she has provided to the residents of South Carolina. I sincerely thank Mrs. Smith for the outstanding contributions she has given to the state of South Carolina through her distinguished service to the fields of health, public relations, and politics. I would like to thank her for her continual support and wish her good luck and Godspeed.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PORTER J. GOSS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 14, 2001*

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on my return from my district in Southwest Florida, as a result, I was not able to be present for rollcall votes 436 and 437. Had I been present, I would have voted yes for rollcall vote 436 and yes for rollcall vote 437. I request that this statement appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.